- Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment within a stipulated time-frame and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.
- Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for shifting of industries from congested areas.
- Customs and Excise Duty Exemption are provided to the industries for pollution control/ monitoring equipment.
- environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.
- Central Pollution control board has evolved codes of practices for controlling noise from sources other than industries and automobiles.
- Ambient Noise Standards for industrial, commercial and residential areas and silence zones have been notified under environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- Noise standards for automobiles and domestic appliances have been notified at manufacturing stage.
- Noise standards for diesel generator sets from 15 to 500 KVA have been notified.
- Public awareness campaigns on the effects of pollution have been launched.

**चाय में मिलावट**

1115. **श्री रामजीलालः** क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 15 जनवरी, 1999 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा" में "खुली चाय में भारी मिलावट की शिकायत" शीर्षक से छपी खबर की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो संबंधित कम्पनी का नाम क्या है और सरकार द्वारा दोषी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

**खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्यपाल सिंह यादव):** (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

**Enhancement of sugar quota for Kerala**

1116. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala government has requested for enhancement of monthly allocation and the special festival quota of the State for sugar to 13690 MTs and 7200 MTs, respectively, considering the increase in ration population since 1991, census; and;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In December 1998 a request to this effect was received from the Government of Kerala which was duly considered by the Government and owing to the fact that the availability of levy sugar had yet to attain stability to the extent needed for any upward revision of quota, the Government of India in February, 1999 did not agree to the State Government's request.

**Establishment of consumer information centre in Kerala cities**

1117. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at a meeting of Food and Civil Supples Secretaries held in New Delhi on 2nd